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Massachusetts SERC
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2017

Attendees: Doug Forbes (MEMA), Jeff Timperi (MEMA), Paula Krumsiek (MEMA), Marc Nascarella (DPH), Bud McDonough (Member of the Public), Kevin Prior (MEMA), Cody Carneiro (DOT), Laurie Stewart (MCTA), Jack Illingsworth (OTA), Ryan McGovern (Boston LEPC), Robert Czerwinski (Pittsfield), Nick Child (DEP), Jeff Trask (MassMutual), Mikael Main (MEMA), Dan Vindigni (Mass Mutual/Springfield EPC), Steve Hooke (Brockton LEPC), Bruce Augusti (MEMA), Heather Tecce (MEMA), James Devlin (MSP), Sean O'Brien (Barnstable County REPC)

- I Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.
- II The minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was seconded and approved.
- III **EPC Certification Applications**

The following EPC applications were presented for review. Each EPC representative gave a brief synopsis of the EPC which included its planning processes. All applications were reviewed and approved for administrative and content requirements. A motion to approve each application was seconded and approved.

- Brockton LEPC: Start-Up Certification
- Rochester LEPC: Start-Up Certification
- Pembroke LEPC: Start-Up Certification

IV RY 2016 Tier II Reporting to the SERC

Jeff Timperi gave a brief update on the Tier II reports received by the SERC. All filers were required to use the Tier II Manager System and MEMA received 4,201 reports. The changes made to the System's export tool (exported reports would be done off-line to reduce strain on the System) worked well, and the System vendor will seek to make additional (no-cost) changes to the System to improve the quality of exported reports for use in the EPA's Tier II Submit software.

For RY 2017, there will be federal changes to the Tier II report (increase of the chemical hazard categories) and MEMA will work to develop a memo for filers to notify them of this change.

V 2017-2018 HMEP Gant Update

The SERC was notified that there is approximately \$34,000 in unobligated funds from the 2016-2017 HMEP sub-grant budget. In large part, this is due to eligible EPC's that did not apply for funding. These funds were rolled into the current grant (2017-2018 period) and made available to EPCs.

VI Policy and By-Law Review

Jeff Timperi gave copies of the SERC Policy Positions and SERC By-Laws for all SERC members to review. These will be discussed during a future SERC meeting. Kurt Schwartz had recommended that the MA Environmental Police be asked to join the SERC; MEMA staff will follow-up on this.

VII EPC Maps

EPC maps (showing both SERC-certified and Non SERC-certified EPCs) are in the process of being updated. Once complete, these will be emailed to all SERC members.

VIII MEMA Regional Updates

Region I

Northern Essex REPC: Working on their recertification right now as it expires this year.

Mystic REPC: Next full meeting is in June. MEMA was asked to present on CEAS but may not be able to due to 4th of July Tabletop.

Greater Lowell REPC: Allen presented on CEAS at the meeting and Heather presented on Debris Management.

North Middlesex REPC: Looking to reorganize and focus on broader area topics.

Cambridge LEPC: BAA discussed the health and medical plan for the Boston Marathon and the Cambridge Water Department discussed the drought conditions.

Region II

Today we are presenting Start-Up applications for the **Brockton, Pembroke and Rochester LEPC's**. Brockton will be represented by Director Steve Hooke, Pembroke by Fire Chief Mike Hill, and Rochester by Director Paul Ciaburri. We are currently assisting the **Barnstable County REPC** with their Re-Certification application. The **Weymouth LEPC, Martha's Vineyard REPC**, and the **South East Norfolk REPC** are working on Start-Up Certifications. The towns of **Stoughton and Medfield** are currently working on applications to be added onto the Central Norfolk REPC.

Region III/IV

The regional office is assisting the **City of Holyoke** with their 2017 Re-Certification, this will be their third renewal. We hope to have this completed by July of 2017 or early September of 2017. The community of **Longmeadow** is going to submit their start up application and the time frame will be the same. The **Montachusett REPC** is working on its re-certification.

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 11, 2017; 10am -12noon at MEMA Headquarters (Training Room)